

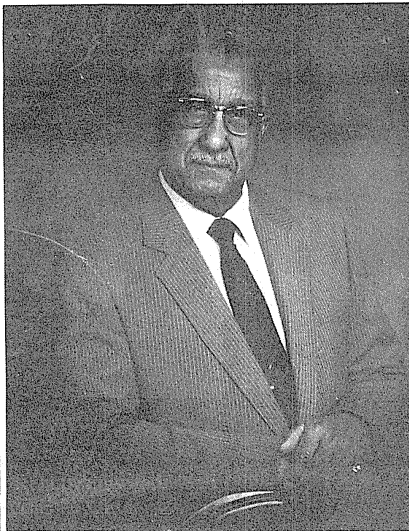
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William Layton

MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE

by Marguerite Gilstrap

"He makes history come alive" is how those who hear him, describe the lectures of William W. Layton, the featured speaker, Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m. when the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly observes Black History Month at Saint Matthews Lutheran church. You are invited to hear him.

He makes history come alive as he shows original materials --letters, photographs, documents and other materials--related to the events of which he speaks. Layton continues to add to his collection of more than 1500 items related to the Abolitionist movement, the Civil War and the Civil Rights movement. Represented in the collection are Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Beecher Stowe, George Washington Carver, Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, W.C.Handy,, Franklin Roosevelt, Paul Robeson and many others.

Recently, Layton presented four Civil War documents to President James A.Davis for Shenandoah University in Winchester--a locally printed Confederate one-dollar bill, an 1862 letter, a pass from Brig.General Isaac Trimble, and an original copy of a dispatch from General Nathaniel P. Banks outlining his version of his defeat in Winchester by Stonewall Jackson.

Layton's interest in history began as a child in Richmond, VA as he learned of his black/white heritage and the trust-fear relationship of the races. In the 1930's, as a graduate student, he came to the attention of Dr.Charles S. Johnson, the eminent



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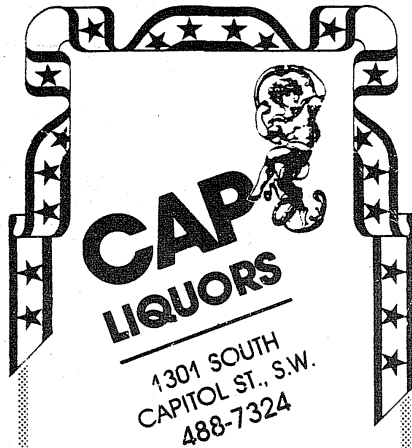
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sociologist and president of Fisk University and was given a job with the twenty-million dollar Julius Rosenwald Fund to seek and give support to potential leaders, both black and white, among young Southern men and women.

In great demand as a speaker, in January, Layton 's subject was "Martin Luther King Jr. and the World Today," when he spoke at a luncheon at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He was the first black appointed to an official position on the Board when he joined the Federal Reserve in 1971. He continued as a consultant to the Federal Reserve several years after he retired in 1977.

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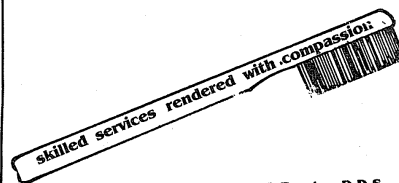
EXHIBITION OPENING

Anacostia Museum will be the site of an exhibition of photographs taken by participants in the D. C. Art/Works Summer Youth Employment Program Sunday, March 17, 1991. Students will present images of their personal views of Anacostia. The youths were based at Tomorrow's World Art Center. Southwester photographer Ron Cooke is the instructor.

"UNCF TELETHON FOLLOW-UP"

Thank you Washington for pulling together to raise over \$275,000 in cash and pledges during the 11th Annual Lou Rawls "Parade of Stars". The telethon benefited the United Negro College Fund. The students are back in school working hard and we need to send your pledge today so that we can put your money to work. A mind is a terrible thing to waste, so please fulfill your pledge today. For more information, please call 737-UNCF.

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All Southwest residents 18 and older are eligible to vote for officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, your local civic organization.

The Nominating Committee slate is listed below. Several vacancies are shown and people from the appropriate areas are encouraged to come forward and volunteer yourselves or friends. We are very much in need of a vice president and representation from District 4. If you live in that area, please consider running.

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2. Ron Collins
3. Jeffrey W. Mason

Representatives District 3

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1. Loretta L. Reeves
2. Walter Brooks
3. Vacancy

Representatives District 4

- (South of M St., East of Delaware Ave., west of So.Cap)
(Syphax School and James Creek area)
1. Vacancy
2. Vacancy
3. Vacancy

The Nominating Committee is recommending that Captain Lucia A. Rapley (USA. Ret.) be made "Emerita" in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the Assembly.

If you would like to run for any of the above vacancies, or know someone who would be good in the job, please call:

Ethel J. Williams, Chair,
Nominating Committee
484-0515

BLACK HISTORY TO BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY FEB. 24TH

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is sponsoring its annual Black History program at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M St. SW on Sunday Feb. 24th at 3 P.M. Having the program on Sunday and in the afternoon are new ideas and we hope these hours will allow families to come and enjoy the program together.

The speaker is Dr. William Layton, a Richmond native but long time Southwest resident of River Park. Most people in our area have not been aware of this highly sought-after speaker who lives in our midst. This is your chance to hear him discuss his collection of memorabilia and knowledge of Frederick Douglas and other black and white leaders.

ANC Votes for Keeping Bus Stop

ANC 2D voted in February to retain the bus stop at 4th and (the west side of) G SW. The issue surfaced in January when Millie Bluestein, President of Town Square IV, asked the ANC to support moving the stop. The Commission held off action on the request to allow ANC Commissioner C. W. Hargrave (2D02) time to poll residents of his district.

Hargrave's polling showed strong sentiment against the change. 144 residents signed a petition asking that the stop be kept at its present location. In addition, a number of residents called and wrote the ANC office to protest the proposed change. Elderly residents, in particular, were concerned about having to walk farther from the bus stop to their homes.

In response to these numbers a majority of the Commission voted in favor of retaining the stop.

ANC Elects Officers

The new officers for ANC 2D for the 1991 term are: Willie Lloyd Reeves (2D01), Chairperson; Reva Brown (2D03), Vice-Chairperson; L. LaVerne Reeves (2D06), Secretary; Le Eckles (2D05), Treasurer; and Mary Peaks (2D04), Member-At-Large to the Executive Committee.

WILEY BRANTON CDC APPROVED BY COMMUNITY

At a joint ANC2D-Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting on January 31st the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation was accepted as the vehicle for development within our community. About 50 people attended the meeting.

The purpose and progress of the WBCDC was presented by Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of ANC2D, and questions were answered by members of the planning group who have been working on setting up the group. The panel consisted of Barbara Hurlbutt, Ron Britt, Walter Brooks, and Laverne Reeves.

The WBCDC has incorporated and has a five member board of directors. It holds \$25,000 which is a payment for administration of the new community development group. This money, and additional \$150,000 per year are to be given by Portal Associates, now building on Redevelopment land at 14th and Maine Ave. The payments are their contribution to the community in compensation for the fact that they have been selected as the developers of this publicly owned land.

Procedures for deciding how the additional money is to be spent have not been worked out yet. At the meeting there was discussion of how membership on the CDC Board should be decided. Those writing the by-laws were encouraged to make sure that there was geographical representation on the board so that each area of Southwest and Southeast would have input to decisions. Work on the by-laws is moving forward.


The final motion of the meeting was: "The Board of Directors of the Wiley Branton CDC will take the ideas and suggestions presented at this meeting, incorporate them into a plan for the organizational structure and the program goals and purposes of the Wiley Branton CDC, and return to a similar meeting to present a long term plan for discussion".

Watch the Southwester to find out when this meeting will be held.


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PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES

RICHARD WARD: S.W. AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN

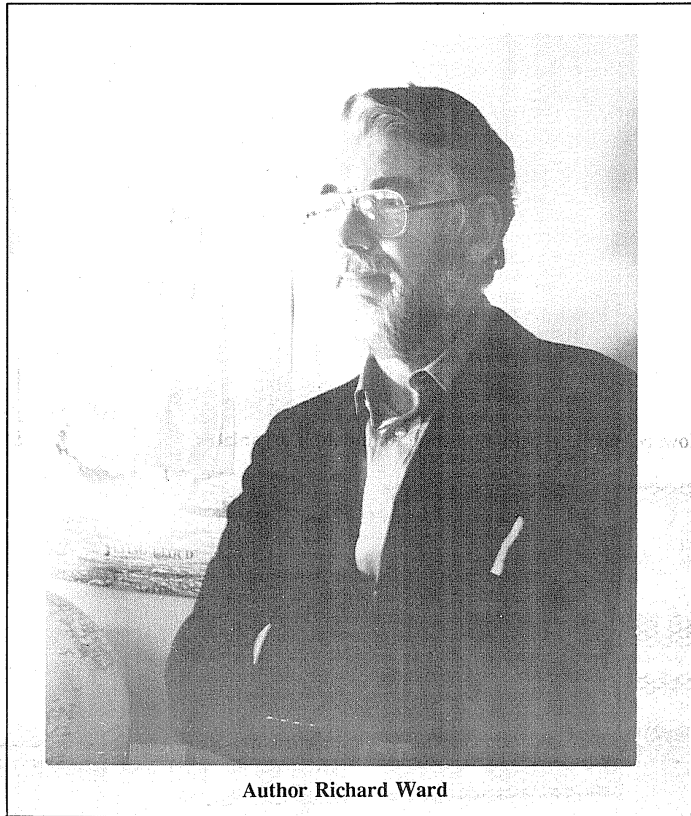
By Ramona D. Turner

Southwest resident and author, Richard F. Ward has taken the time to write a book about the history of Southwest. His book entitled, "South and West of the Capitol Dome," is about the Southwest community, starting as far back as the Monacan and Monahoac Indians, up to today and urban renewal. His book highlights the entire two hundred year history of Southwest. He began writing the book after he retired as a Census Bureau Statistician. Because of his enjoyment of maps, he was inspired to write the book. He went to the Martin Luther King Memorial Library's Washingtoniana Room and began looking at and making notes from maps. After ending up with a stack of notes from the maps, it was suggested to Ward that he put his notes to use. With this idea, he wrote "South and West of the Capitol Dome," which has a copyright date of 1978.

Ward came to Washington in the 1950's from New York. His first personal experience with Southwest was through a friend who lived in the Southwest, before urban renewal. Presently, Ward became impressed with Southwest because of its uniqueness and the many positive opportunities that it offered.

In 1965, he moved to Carrollburg and has resided there ever since. Other things Ward enjoys about Southwest are its combination of highrises, townhouses, the waterfront, restaurants and nearby museums. When not writing, some of Ward's favorite pastimes are walking, reading, traveling and working on his personal computer, which he enjoys a great deal.

Today, Ward is working on a book about his personal experiences during World War II. "South and West of the Capitol Dome" is available at the Southwest Library and the Martin Luther King Memorial Library's Washingtoniana Room as a reference book.



Author Richard Ward

South Capitol Currents

With the projected May opening of the Greenline in Shaw and points north, people are asking "Will the Greenline ever come to SW?" Longtime WMATA spokesman **Herb Leonard** tells us, the Waterside Mall stop will open in December...this year. And he says they really mean it...this time. Speaking of Waterside Mall, and **Bresler & Reiner**, the Mall's owners, to the list of developers hurt by Washington bank failures. B&R list a possible \$800,000 loss on "commercial paper."....

Southwest certainly has its share of political aspirants. A third of the 20 people who picked up petitions to fill out John Wilson's Ward 2 Council seat live in Southwest, as does Wilson....

Rosa Benard, the energetic new director of Southwest Community House, was forced to return to Boston in January to help tend an ailing relative. She has resigned and has been replaced, on an acting basis by **Clinton Anderson**. Clint has delighted SW House board members with ability to take over operation of the house....

The SW House may soon have a new neighbor. A group of local investors, led by architect **Ted Mariani**, have won ANC 2D approval for their plans to put up a 2 million square foot office and residential complex next to Fort McNair between R and T Streets SW. They are awaiting a final ok from the Zoning Commission.

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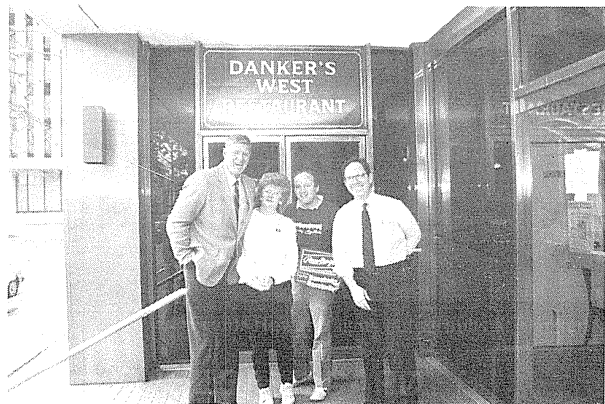
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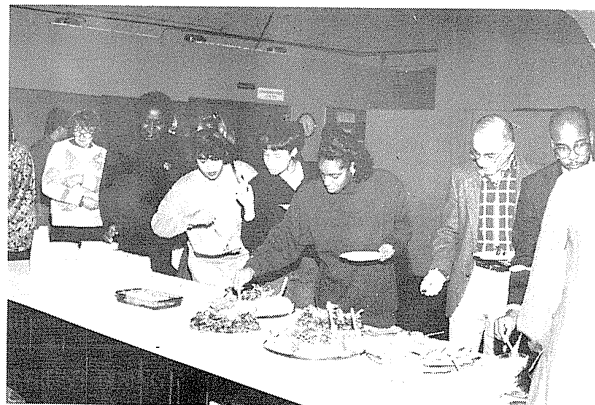
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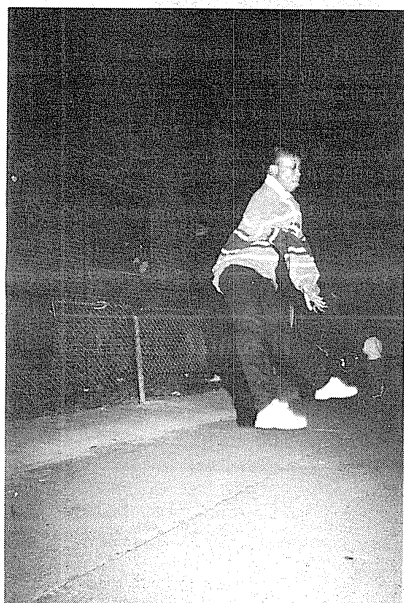
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Frank Howard far left with Sunshine Foundation organizers



SEU students and staff during SGA reception



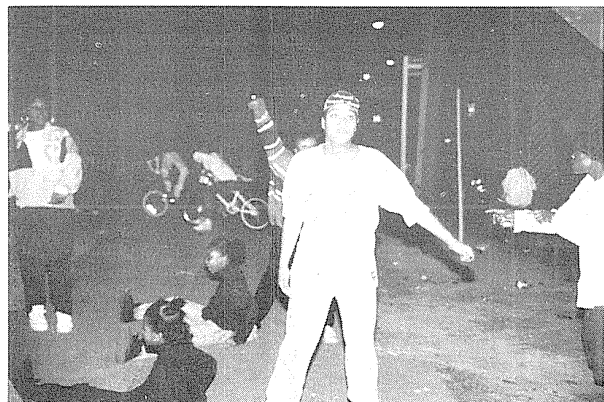
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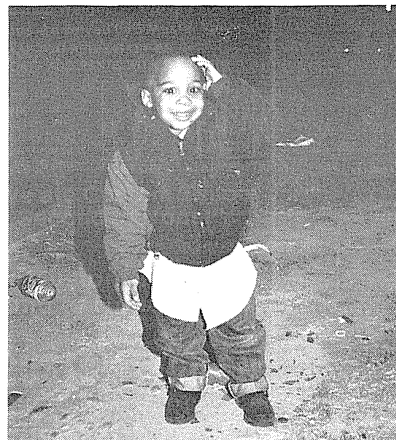
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SYPHAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

Educating America: Black Universities and Colleges - Strengths and Crises, was the theme for Syphax Elementary School's Black History program. States Attorney for Prince George's County, Alexander Williams, was the honored keynote speaker for the school's program.

Third grader James Hall presided over the program and gave a speech from Martin Luther King. Mrs. Antoinette Jones presented certificates of appreciation. The Syphax Choraleers sang "People Got to be Free", lead by Director Timothy Walker.

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AMIDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S CENTRAL AMERICA TRIP

Amidon Elementary School would like to extend gratitude to all Southwest residents who contributed to assist students on their scheduled trip to Belize, Central America.

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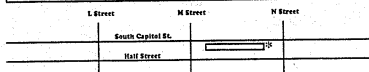


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(Questions relating to parenting, child development, school problems and the like may be sent to Dr. Marion Rosen, c/o the Southwester. See address on Editorial page 1. Please be sure to sign your letter, although you may request that your name not be used.)

Q. Dear Dr. Rosen:

I am worried. My two adolescents (boy: 14, girl: 15) have summer jobs and expect to earn quite a bit of money. Knowing them, they will want to spend it all on designer clothing and jewelry. I want them to save most of their earnings and to buy fewer and less extravagant clothes. What do you think?

A. Dear Reader:

This is truly a difficult position for you to be in. The use of money, especially that which the children themselves have earned, can sometimes cause much family difficulty. This is especially so if the lines of communication among family members are already poor.

What is the most essential responsibility of parenthood? Is it not the age-old function of developing character in our youngsters? Do we not need to develop the courage to say "no" to our children: not in any mindless fashion, but to think through carefully what our family standards and culture demand and to firmly and consistently stand by those ethical standards?

Transmission of family traditions and culture is made more difficult for the parent of today than it was for previous generations. The proliferation of TV and magazine advertisements, touting the latest and most expensive designer clothing and other accoutrements, cleverly impinges upon the minds of children and the bank accounts of parents. And if the teenager has earned his/her own money, so much the worse.

In their effort to maintain appearance ("keep up with the Joneses"), elevate their status among their peers, keep their children "happy," and especially to relieve themselves of the primary burden of parenthood, the "baby-boomer" parents of today are capitulating to advertisers and other manipulators of public opinion.

Competition and fear of being different which are fostered in practically every aspect of their young lives make the children feel that they must follow the crowd or forever be outcasts. And the parents feel intimidated by that threat. If my child is an outcast, what will people think of me?

The job of parenting is the most important function that anyone can perform, yet it is a responsibility for which we have the least formal training. Neither a college degree nor a high school diploma is required for one to become a parent. The child is born and unprepared parents are on their own. And in our society where fully 50.9% of all families are two wage-earner families, and where 23.7% are one-parent families, the television set, radio disc jockeys and

THE DEVELOPERS ARE COMING!

by Bobbie Fisher

Sound the alarm! Spread the word! The developers are coming! They come in pin-striped suits, horn-rimmed glasses, dressed like land vultures on the prey. Accompanying them will be their high-paid all-white entourage of planners, architects, and lawyers. Not a black among them! They come with bulging pockets of giveaway money for the community and talk about their sudden interest in helping minorities. Promising hundreds of minimum wage jobs in exchange for the District's rich soil.

At a recent ANC-2d meeting, I sat and watched a *deja vu* sitcom of two developers who spoke about redevelopment plans for Ward 2. I could not help but think how the Indians felt when approached by worthless trinkets. Under the guise of friendship, the Dutch deluded the Indians into selling them the entire Island of Manhattan for a meager \$24.00! Today, life in the Big Apple is for the Trumps and Helmsleys. Nowhere in sight is an Indian to be found.

A few hundred years later, history repeats itself. Instead of the Dutch, we now have Developers. Although dressed a little differently, the smiles are the same and their rap a little hipper: "We're here because we really care about you folks and to show our good faith we want to give the community money." "Ha, Ha!" I said to myself. Who's kidding who! Developers have no interest in our community nor are they interested in the welfare of minorities unless they want something. And that something is the District's valuable land.

Once again, history repeats itself. Ownership and the control of land have destroyed millions of people. The present war in the Gulf is a glowing example of how men wreak havoc of death and destruction upon each other for oil and territorial control.

entertainers assume the role which previously was filled by parents or those standing in loco parentis, grandparents.

Working parents are good repositories of guilt. Unfortunately, this guilt is most easily assuaged by indulgence of the child, particularly by giving him/her "things," by keeping him/her "happy" by equating possessions with love. Sadly, these efforts are futile.

The overindulged child, rather than developing into a happy, self-fulfilled adult, grows into an unhappy, demanding individual expecting the world to cater to him/her as did the significant people in his early life. We all know that that will not occur. Our psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health counselors, our jails and mental institutions are sufficient testament to that.

Parents must learn to say "no". As Dr. Hilde Bruch said, in the title of her excellent, out-of-print book, "DON'T BE AFRAID OF YOUR CHILD". They must also learn how and when to say "yes".

Marion C. Rosen,

Ed.D. (c) 1991

Carefully defined will be their redevelopment plans to buy up the District's land at cheap rates, dole out a few dollars here and there to win community support. Once done, phase 2 is put into action: construct large commercial/residential buildings to accommodate Washington's elite: high-rent office tenants, visiting tourists and the wealthy.

Waterfront developments in Crystal City, Arlington, Rosslyn, Virginia, Georgetown and Southwest D.C. are high-priced properties surrounding both sides of the Potomac. These were communities not long ago where the poor and minorities once lived. Today, a one-bedroom apartment averages \$1,000 per month depending on location. A one-bedroom condo will sell for approximately \$100,000 to over \$500,000 with a hefty maintenance fee of \$600.00 and more.

When developers present their proposed plan to community groups, they can define every detail but the price tag. At the meeting one woman asked, "How much would such housing cost?" The developer responded, "I don't know what the market will bring." Developers already know affordable housing is not on their drawing board because it doesn't bring in huge profits. They also know that such new unaffordable housing will not only push minorities farther into parts of Southeast and Anacostia but in suburban communities: Maryland and Virginia.

With little vision, one can easily see the dramatic physical changes already taking place within the District: affordable housing will soon be something of the past!

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Ms. Baber's featured work on the album is titled, "A Prayer for Healing". It is performed by artist, Kate Millen. The album is available at local record stores.

Ms. Baber's poetry has been featured in the SOUTHWESTER. She is a woman of extraordinary talent. Originally from Mt. Olive, Mississippi, her list of accomplishments is most notable.

Currently, Ms. Baber, an attorney, is the Deputy Director of the D. C. Education

Licensure Commission. She is a former professor of English at Howard University. Her law degree is from the University of Maryland. Her Ph.D. and M.A. are from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. This former scholar of the English language and literature has had extensive work published on William Faulkner.

She is an accomplished pianist and author of a book of poetry titled "Poems of Praise".

Ms. Baber gives special thanks to her husband, Gilbert Baber, who sent three of her poems to Rainbow Records, of which two were accepted for recording. The couple has a four-year-old son named Gilbert Ade.

Congratulations, Ms. Baber, on your new release. Please keep blessing our community with your God-given gifts. You, yourself, are fit to be praised by us.

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War

I saw it . . .
and its purpose was not clear;
meaningless, void.
I heard it . . .
but it did not pierce my heart;
nor clench my soul.
I tasted it . . .
but my spirit was not shaken;
confident and firm.
I touched it . . .
and its form was not defined;
incomprehensible, yet always present.
I smelled it . . .
but the smoke of disaster
did not reach my nose.
Suddenly, I felt it . . .
and the walls that encompassed my emotions
burst with sorrow.
My heart exposed, I was naked,
filled with ignominy and pain.
I bowed my head in reverence
and was ashamed, of mankind

By: Sundi Loffy

GARAGE SALE

St. Dominic's Church at 630 E Street, S.W. will hold a garage sale on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on Sunday, March 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Southwest Community House which provides much needed services to our community.

Donated items may be brought to the office at St. Dominic's beginning immediately. All southwest residents are invited to participate in any way that they can. For further information, please call 554-7863.

In addition to the sale, St. Dominic's is offering a challenge grant of \$5,000, to the Southwest House. Community donations to the House, at 156 Q St., SW, will be matched up to \$5,000.

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John Wilson addresses Board of Education

JOHN WILSON SPEAKS ABOUT SOUTHWEST

Part II

by Gilbert Leggett

Newly-elected City Council Chairman John Wilson was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and raised in the small college town of about 1500 people called Princess Ann located on the Maryland eastern shore. He attended college at Maryland Eastern Shore but was asked to leave as a junior by university administrators for leading civil rights demonstrations in 1963.

Realizing the sacrifice he had made for the cause, Wilson never returned to complete his collegiate career. Later he received an honorary degree from the University and is the school's largest contributor.

S. W. Horizon

"I see many changes occurring, especially along the 4th Street section between Market Inn and HUD, the Buzzard Point area development and addition of the subway station and the Challenger Space Development. Although there have been problems with the city asking too much for the land, I do believe that the Challenger Project will happen."

Residential Life

"We are very concerned about the commercial intrusion on the area. The crime in the area is increasing, particularly with break-ins and early morning muggings. Deputy Chief Albrecht is doing a very good job in our area. You will soon see an increase in police presence in our community."

Advisory Neighborhood Council

"The ANC has been an effective network in S.W., Shaw, Georgetown and Foggy Bottom. They really have a knowledge of our neighborhoods and community concerns."

Racial Coexistence

"I think we have a very decent quality of life in S.W. There is some unhappiness at the Mall between the youth and the adults. The security in the Mall will be able to control that, I hope."

"People have to want to live together. The residents want an urban lifestyle with no persecution. The area has its friction but people aren't willing to tolerate a lot."

Recreational Programs

"My next project I plan to undertake is building a State of the Art facility for the Boys' and Girls' Club like they've just opened up in Ward 7. They do such a great job with no decent facility. I plan to begin a campaign to raise the funds, find the land and produce an architectural sketch."

I know the S. W. community can do it. We'll get the adults involved and the kids can use it. Landsberg Park, Greenleaf, Arthur Capper, or the land near the Skyline Inn are possible sites."

Area Concerns

"The main concern has to be with parking. Construction on the freeway has caused problems. But parking is a serious problem except after 6:00 p.m."

Things are really going to get worse when the Portal site opens and other developments are completed."

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How often we wish for another
chance to make a fresh beginning.
A chance to blot out our mistakes
and change failure into winning -
And it does not take a special time
to make a brand-new start,
It only takes the deep desire
to try with all our heart
To live a little better
and to always be forgiving
And to add a little "sunshine"
to the world in which we're living -
So never give up in despair
and think that you are through,
For there's always a tomorrow
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Abiri Ward ranked in top
10 National Junior Skiers

ABIRI WARD: TOMORROW'S SKI RACING CHAMPION

Are you superstitious? If so, what is the significance of the "7" if you were born on 7/26/79 at 7:27 p.m., weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ozs. and was 7 years old on the 7th day of the week and you started ski racing when you were 7?

You have just met 11-year-old Abiri Ward. His name Abiri (pronounced a ber ree) is from the Yoruba Tribe of Nigeria and it means "destined to go far".

That's the direction Abiri is headed. While others are in the pool in the summer, Abiri is on the snow. Abiri has been skiing since he was 2 years old and has made the Top 10 National ranking for his ski racing in NASTAR Ski Racing Program for three years in a row. He has also been State Leader for D.C. from 1987-1990.

National rankings are determined by an average of the racers' best 3 handicaps of the season. State rankings are determined by the racers' single best handicap of the season. Abiri's ranking in the top 10 means that he is one of the best junior racers/skiers in the country--and with more than 100,000 junior NASTAR racers each year in 50 States and 160 areas nationwide, that's quite an accomplishment.

Abiri is a member of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Eastern Region (of which Black Ski is a member), Ski Liberty Racing Club and the U.S.S.A. Youth Ski League.

Since there has not been much snow in this area, Abiri has been traveling with the National Brotherhood of Skiers, trying to find the snow. They were in Sunday River, Maine in November and at Burke Academy in East Burke, Vermont in December. In January, he was with them at the '91 Summit in Park City, Utah. His schedule also includes Attitash, New Hampshire and Smugglers' Notch, Vermont. His schedule for the Ski Liberty Racing Club will take



Frank Howard signs autographs at Dankers baseball card show

BASEBALL CARD SHOW HELD AT DANKERS

Former baseball great Frank Howard, along with other current sports heroes signed autographs at Danker's Restaurant recently. Proceeds from the baseball card show benefitted the Sunshine Foundation.

Many youngsters had the opportunity to enjoy the excitement of meeting the sports celebrities. The Sunshine Foundation and restaurant owner Richard Danker help terminally ill children enjoy some happiness that they otherwise might not be able to experience.

Think About It

Before you take a life
Look in your victim's eyes
Can't you see their fear
Can't you feel their pain
Can't you imagine their loved one's cries

Think about your ill-wrought plan
You are not in this thing alone
What will it do to others
What will it do to you
Think of how much you will harm your own

Put your weapon out of sight
Don't commit a crime today
Don't leave another victim there
Don't add to another family's despair
There has to be another way

Margaret H. Oliver

him to some of the mountains in Pennsylvania including Seven Springs, Elk, Tussey, Round Top and Ski Liberty.

Abiri would like to see the 3 R's--reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic--changed to the 4 R's--reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic, and racing. His ultimate goal is to attend an academic ski school, join the U. S. Ski Team and on to the Olympics!

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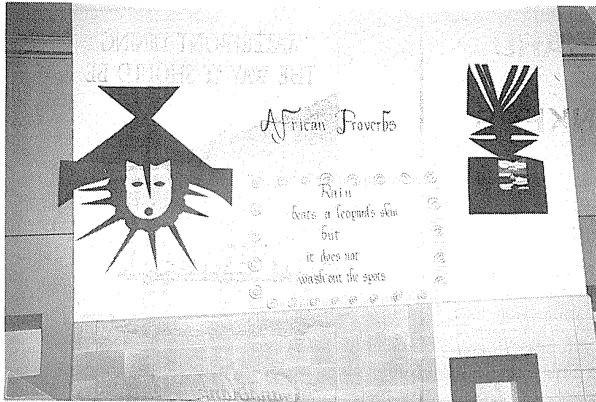
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BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BLACK HISTORY MONTH DISPLAY

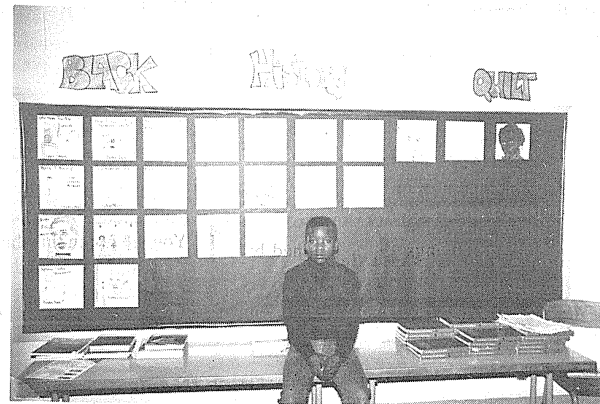
Bowen Elementary School decided to name each of their hallways for a period in the history of Black America during Black History Month.

The displays were two-fold, to be decorative and also to be instrumental in enriching the students' understanding of the history of Black Americans.

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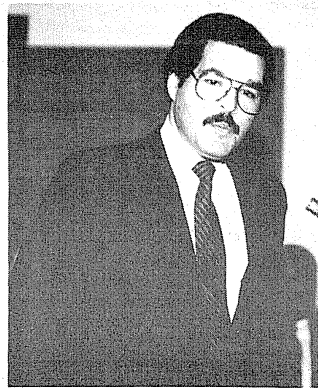
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Professor Ralph Elliott
presides at SGA ceremony



Former SEU graduate
Dario Marquez



L-R Michael Dei Anang--1989 SGA President, Dean Florence
Agbonyitor, Allwell Onwuka- 1990 SGA President and
Morad Abid - 1991 SGA President



L-R. Roque de-Pina, Denise Mitchell, Cheryl Broady, Morad Abid



SEU President W. Robert Higgins, far right, at SGA Inaugural
Ceremony

SEU Elects New SGA

Southeastern University's Student Government Association held its inauguration ceremony recently. The new Executive Officers elected were Monad Abid, President, Roque DePina, Vice President, Denise Mitchell, Secretary, and Cheryl Broady, Treasurer.

Dr. Ralph Elliott, SGA Advisor and Professor of Accounting, gave opening remarks. The welcoming address was given by Dr. Florence Agbonyitor, Dean of Student Life. Outgoing President, Allwell Onwuka, gave his farewell speech.

Professor William Davidson administered the oath of office. The Keynote speaker was former Southeastern University graduate Dario Marquez, former Secretary of the Board of Trustees and current President of MVM, Inc.

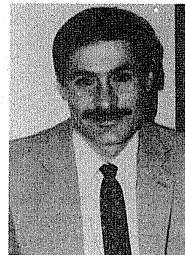
Brief remarks were given by the special guest of honor, Frank E. Mann, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the closing remarks concluded the program from W. Robert Higgins, President of Southeastern University. Congratulations and good luck to all the new SGA officers.

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by
Donna Alston

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In 1807 the Slave Cementary was constructed. George Washington chose the District as a Federal City. Georgetown, the oldest part of the city, housed many families. Southwest became a melting pot for the rich and poor. Much like it is today.

Howard University stood out among the schools in the District. It was federally funded and did not frown on Blacks. Many politicians and educators graduated from the University. Mary McCloud Bethune received her cultivation in this city. She would walk five miles, to and from school.

Educators had to be married in order to teach school. The legal age required to teach was 21. In the roaring 1800s some blacks had finished college. Mary Church Terrell, a widow at age 21, taught school. Her husband was a lawyer. She was an only child of a wealthy family. She later taught at the old M St, High School.

Frederick Douglas did well for a man of his time. His father was white and his mother was a slave. He moved his family into a twenty one room mansion, now the site of a museum. It is located in Anacostia. The immediate area where he purchased his property was called Union Town.



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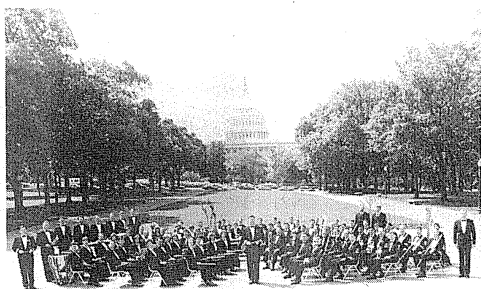
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2nd Advisory Honor Roll girls



7th grade boys honor roll 2nd Advisory



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The United States Navy Band will be in concert at Jefferson Jr. High School on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. The admission is free. All members of the community are invited to attend.



2nd Advisory Honor Roll girls